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[redacted] operating in the mines 5 kms. from BUHOVO, on the 50X1-HUM
Northern slopes of the DODZHA BALKAN Mountains. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] The following

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work was carried on in these mine fields:

The Trudovaks operated the heaviest work, i.e., extracting ore with pickaxes, using dynamite for breaking the blocks of ore, and carrying out the ore in wagons to the field, where it was loaded on trucks. The trucks were driven by civilians. There are at least 50 3-ton trucks on the operation and each truck makes a minimum of 10 trips a day from the mines to the station. All the ore is transported to Russia.

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The commander of the 1st Trudovak Section is Lt. Col. PUDEV. The Commander of the Company is 1st. Lt. STEFANOV. The Commander of all the Trudovak units in the area of BUHOVO was Lt. Col. TABAKOV.

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The mines in BUHOVO are the following numbers: 3,4,5, 6,7,8,9,10. The mines 5 and 6 are in the area of BORCHA at BUHOVO. Mines 9 and 10 are in the area of SESLAVSTSI, and the rest (3,4,7, and 8) situated 5 kms. north of BUHOVO.

Personnel:

Mine No.	3	-	200 Trudovaks
"	"	4	- 80 Trudovaks
"	"	5	- (unknown)
"	"	6	- 120 Trudovaks
"	"	7	-
"	"	8	-
"	"	9	-
"	"	10	-

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There were about 50 Russian technicians and a certain number of civilian Bulgarians working in the BUHOVO mines. Apart from the technicians the managers (chief engineers) of the mines and the factories are also Russians.

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The Russians at BUHOVO were living with their families in a large building situated on the northeast part of BUHOVO. As a fact, all this mining work was carried out and managed by the Russians even the Chief of the Militia charged with the guarding of the mines was a Russian. The ores which were extracted from the mines were separated into 3 quantities by means of a special installation.

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1st quantity - was extracted together with earth and was a heavy ore of dark gray color.

2nd quantity - an ore of nearly white color resembling stone.

3rd quantity - an ore of nearly white color resembling earth.

The first quantity was loaded on trucks just as extracted from the mines and transported to GARAYANA station where they are loaded on wagons which are sealed and sent to Russia by train.

The second quantity is sent to the factory at BUHOVO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a certain kind of oil was produced from these ores. [REDACTED]

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The factory was located in the eastern part of BUHOVO and consisted of 3 buildings, the first 50 meters long and 20 meters wide; the second 80 meters long and 20 meters wide, and the 3rd 20 meters long and 8 meters wide. [REDACTED]

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The third quantity is sent to a factory at GARAYANA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] carbide was manufactured out of these. This factory was situated on the northern side of the village and it was a larger installation [REDACTED]

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The distance between GARAYANA and BUHOVO is about 5 kilometers.

2. The ores in the BUHOVO minefield are fixed and found out by a special instrument (apparatus) used by the Russian technicians.

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4. A factory of 80 x 40 meters size was built by the Trodovaks attached to the 1st Trudovak section on the SUHODOL locality between SOFIA and GORNA BANYA. [REDACTED] this factory will manufacture trucks and will start work very soon.

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